

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 974

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Dr. Joe Deweese to the standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), creates a standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), requires that such committee "review and evaluate the recommendations of the two (2) standards review and development committees and post the recommendations to the website created pursuant to § 49-1-311(a)(3) for the purpose of gathering additional feedback from the public"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), further requires that the committee "make the final recommendations as to the new set of standards to the state board, which shall adopt sets of standards in English language arts and mathematics that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), provides that the governor shall appoint four (4) members to the standards recommendation committee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Dr. Joe Deweese to serve on such committee; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed educator, Dr. Joe Deweese currently serves as Professor of Biochemistry and Director of Undergraduate Research for Freed-Hardeman University; he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from Freed-Hardeman University and his Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry from Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, prior to his current position, Dr. Deweese taught biochemistry, molecular biology, and anticancer pharmacology at Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy for twelve

years while also maintaining an active research laboratory focusing on DNA topoisomerases and anticancer pharmacology; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(b), provides that all appointments to the committee "shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Dr. Joe Deweese to the standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics.